

What is Claimed is:

1. A mailing system comprising:

a plurality of devices associated with mail preparation, each of said plurality of devices adapted to communicate with other devices via a wireless

- 5 communication; and

a gateway server adapted to communicate with each of said plurality of devices via a wireless communication, said gateway server and said plurality of devices forming a local network, said gateway server acting as a master of said local network,

- 10 wherein each of said plurality of devices communicates with another of said plurality of devices via a wireless communication through said gateway server.

2. The system according to claim 1, wherein said wireless communications are radio frequency communications.

3. The system according to claim 2, wherein said radio frequency
15 communications are automatically established.

4. The system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of devices includes a scale.

5. The system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of devices includes a postage meter.

- 20 6. The system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of devices includes a mail processing machine.

7. The system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of devices includes a personal computer.

8. The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

- 25 a data center coupled to a network,

wherein said gateway server is coupled to said network, said gateway server communicating with said data center via said network, said data center receiving data from and sending data to at least one of said plurality of devices via said network, said gateway server, and a wireless communication between said gateway server and said at least one of said plurality of devices.

9. The system according to claim 8, wherein said network is a public switched telephone network.

10. The system according to claim 8, wherein said network is the Internet.

11. The system according to claim 1, further comprising:

a remote device coupled to a network,

wherein said gateway server is coupled to said network, said remote device communicating with said gateway server via said network, said gateway server creating a proxy for each of said plurality of devices in said local network, and wherein a service of at least one of said plurality of devices can be invoked by said remote device utilizing said created proxy for said at least one of said plurality of devices.

12. The system according to claim 11, wherein said network is the Internet.

13. A wireless mailing system comprising:

a data center coupled to a network;

a gateway server coupled to said network, said gateway server communicating with said data center via said network; and

a plurality of devices associated with mail preparation, each of said plurality of devices adapted to communicate wirelessly with said gateway server,

wherein said data center receives information from and sends information to at least one of said plurality of devices via said network, said gateway server and a wireless communication between said gateway server and said at least one of said plurality of devices.

14. The system according to claim 13, wherein at least one of said plurality of devices transfers data to another of said plurality of devices via a wireless communication.

15. The system according to claim 14, wherein said wireless communication is
5 routed through said gateway server.

16. The system according to claim 13, wherein said gateway server and said plurality of devices form a local network, said system further comprising:

a remote device coupled to said network, said remote device
communicating with said gateway server via said network, said gateway server
10 creating a proxy for each of said plurality of devices in said local network,

wherein a service of at least one of said plurality of devices can be invoked
by said remote device utilizing said created proxy for said at least one of said
plurality of devices.

17. The system according to claim 13, wherein said network is the Internet.

18. The system according to claim 13, wherein said network is a telephone
15 network.

19. The system according to claim 13, wherein said plurality of devices
includes a postage meter.

20. The system according to claim 13, wherein said plurality of devices
20 includes a scale.

21. The system according to claim 13, wherein said plurality of devices
includes a mail processing machine.

22. The system according to claim 13, wherein said plurality of devices
includes a personal computer.

23. A method for sending data from a data center to a device associated with
25 mail preparation comprising the steps of:

sending said data from said data center to a gateway server via a network;

establishing a wireless communication between said gateway server and said device; and

sending said data from said gateway server to said device via said wireless communication.

- 5 24. The method according to claim 23, wherein said step of establishing a wireless communication further comprises:

establishing a radio frequency communication.

25. The method according to claim 23, wherein said network is a telephone network.

- 10 26. The method according to claim 23, wherein said network is the Internet.

27. The method according to claim 23, wherein said device is a postage meter.

28. The method according to claim 27, wherein said data includes refill postage funds.

29. The method according to claim 23, wherein said device is a scale.

- 15 30. The method according to claim 29, wherein said data includes postage rates.

31. A method for invoking a service of a mailing device by a remote device, said mailing device belonging to a wireless mailing system, said method comprising the steps of:

- 20 registering said mailing device with a gateway server, said registration being done via a wireless communication between said mailing device and said gateway server;

creating a proxy for said registered mailing device and storing said proxy in said gateway server;

- 25 establishing a communication between said remote device and said gateway server via a network;

selecting a service associated with registered mailing device via said communication between said remote device and said gateway server; and

Invoking said selected service via said proxy by said remote device.

32. The method according to claim 31, wherein said wireless communication
5 between said mailing device and said gateway server is a radio frequency communication.

33. The method according to claim 31, wherein said step of selecting a service further comprises:

displaying a plurality of services associated with said registered device; and

10 selecting one of said plurality of services associated with said registered device.

34. The method according to claim 31, wherein said network is the Internet.

35. The method according to claim 31, wherein said mailing device is a postage meter.

15 36. The method according to claim 31, wherein said mailing device is a scale.

37. The method according to claim 31, wherein said service includes a status report.